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PARENTAL ADVISORY
WARNING
EXPLICIT CONTENT











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3989 A.D.
(ANNO DONATO)

FAR REACHES OF
THE SZAALENT EMPIRE: THE
GREAT SHARVAEL ICE FLOE



...A
PERSON
...?

IS
THAT
...





Wasserscheide (Watershed)

◆I◆





YA
LOOKIN'
TO
DIE!!?

OY!!

.....







YA
SURE IT'S
OKAY?

THANKS
AGAIN.
FER
LETTIN'
ME HAVE
THEM YA
KILLED!





REALLY?
...SO...

THAT
BATTLE
.....



OVER
FIFTEEN
YEARS
AGO,
NOW...

...THAT
FINAL
BATTLE-
GROUND
WAS
'ROUND
HERE.



THOSE HUGE
MONUMENTS
TO OUR
SEVEN HEROES
AREN'T FAR.

YA
SEEN
'EM?

...
FIFTEEN
YEARS
...

IT'S
TAKEN
SO LONG...



THEY ALSO
HAD THAT
FIERCE
SWORDSMAN IN TH'
BATTLE
THOUGH.

WHAT
WAS HE
CALLED...?
ASCH...

ASCHER...

"LAND-
GRAVE"
...?

"MAR-
QUIS"
...?

THEY
BECAME
...

... "HE-
ROES"
...!?



WHAT
ARE
THEY...?

"SEVEN
HEROES"
...



THERE'S
LANDGRAVE
SCHTEN-
WOLECH...

MARGUS
GLENN...

YA
DON'T
KNOW?

TH'
SEVEN
GREAT
HEROES
WHO
SAVED TH'
EMPIRE?



THE FORCES OF
WISCHTECH, LAND OF
SHADOWS, CROSSED
THE SEAL AND INVADED.
SO, FOURTEEN BRAVE
WARRIORS WERE
EQUIPPED WITH HOLY
LANCES AND SENT ON A
PERILOUS JOURNEY
TO SEAL OFF THE
INVADERS ONCE AGAIN.
THREE OF THE
WARRIORS WERE LOST
ON THE WAY.

...WERE
SPLIT...

THE
REMAINING
ELEVEN...

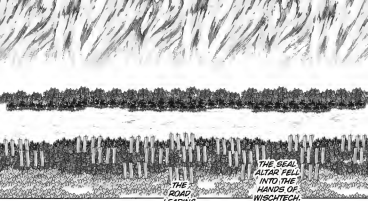
...AND THE
FOUR
"TRAITOROUS
LANCES."

...INTO
THOSE WHO
BECAME
THE MIGHTY
"SEVEN
HEROES"...

ASCHERIT!







THE
ROAD
LEADING
TO THE
ALTAR...

THE SEAL
ALTAR FELL
INTO THE
HANDS OF
WISCHTECH.

...BECAME
A FINAL
BATTLEGROUND
WHERE BOTH
SIDES WOULD
STAKE ALL
THEY HAD.



OUR JOB
TODAY IS
TO SEND
THROUGH
THAT
MIASMA
WALL...

...THE
BRAVE
WARRIORS
CHOSEN
BY HIS
HIGHNESS!!

STEEL
YOUR-
SELVES!





LOOK!

THE
EMPIRE'S
STRON-
GEST
FORCES
HAVE
GATH-
ERED...

...JUST TO
HELP US
ELEVEN
GET
THROUGH
...!!!

GLENN



JUST
GOES TO
SHOW HOW
CRITICAL
THIS
BATTLE IS
FOR US.

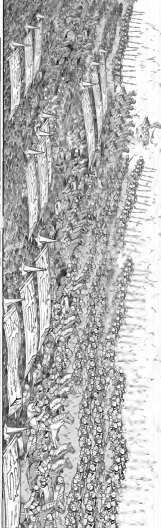
ISCHÜDIEN



OUR
ENEMY...
...FEELS
THE
SAME, NO
DOUBT.

KFER

GUSSTAY





...ARE
CAPABLE OF
CARVING A PATH
THROUGH THAT
OTHERWISE
IMPENETRABLE
MISMA.....

IF
ONLY...

...THE
ENEMY HADN'T
LEARNED THAT
THESE LANCES
OF OURS...

DAMN...
SOME
TRAITORS
MUST HAVE
SOLD US
OUT!!

NIRGENFELED

GULLENGURY



THEY
KNOW WE
HAVE THE
POWER TO
CUT
THROUGH
THE
MISMA.

I DARE SAY
THEIR
CONCERN IS
JUSTIFIED.....

KRENTL

UP AGAINST
THIS MANY
THOUGH.....

BARESTAR

NEVER
SEEN A
BATTLE-
FIELD LIKE
THIS
BEFORE
.....!

LEBELLOND







DRIVE A
WEDGE
THROUGH
'EM!!



CARVE
A
PATH...



...
STRAIGHT
THROUGH
.....!!!

...AND
SEND
THOSE
ELEVEN
...



IT'S A
DECK-
UNG-
ZANT!!

ONE OF
WISCH-
TECH'S
DECKUNG-
ZANT....!!!

!

!!?





H...

HOLD
YOUR
GROUND
!!!

WE
NEED
TO
HELP...!

WE
CAN'T
!!!

G
U
W
A
A
A
A
A
A
H
!!!



ONCE
WE PASS
THROUGH...

...THE ELEVEN
OF US HAVE TO
MAKE IT TO THE
SEAL ALTAR ON
OUR OWN.....



...CAN'T
AFFORD
TO LOSE
ANYONE
ELSE...!

WE.....



GUWAA-
AAAAA-
AAAH!!



REMEMBER,
THE FATE
OF THE
EMPIRE...

...RIDES
ON THIS
BATTLE!!

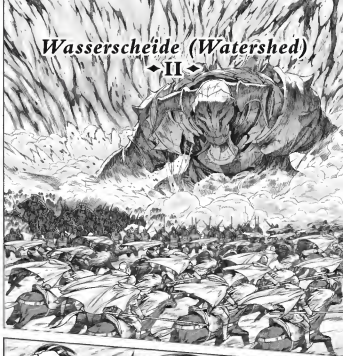


DON'T
BREAK
FORMA-
TION!
STAND
STRONG!!



Wasserscheide (Watershed)

◆ II ◆





TO DO SO,
WE WILL DRIVE A
WEDGE INTO THE
ENEMY LINES,
OPENING A
ROUTE FOR THOSE
ELEVEN!

THE IMPERIAL
ARMY MUST
SEND THOSE
BRAVE LANCE-
BEARERS
THROUGH THE
MIASMA.....



YEAH,
A REAL
SAVING
HUNT?

BUT
THIS IS
NOT YOUR
BATTLE.
NOT YET.

I WOULD
HAVE ENJOYED
WATCHING YOU
FELLOWS FIGHT
TO SEE IF YOU'RE
AS GOOD AS
THEY SAY.



LEAVE THIS
FIGHT...

...TO THE
WARRIORS
OF THE
IMPERIAL
ARMY!









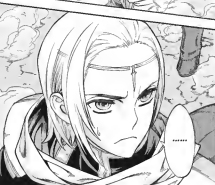
GUH
....!!



IT'S
TRUE, HIS
AID COULD
PREVENT
MUCH LOSS
OF LIFE ON
THE FRONT-
LINES...

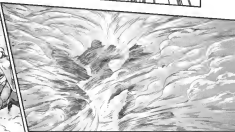
HOW-
EVER
...

WH-
WHAT
DO WE
DO?!



FUCK!
HE'S
ALWAYS
.....!

GREAT
SWORDS-
MAN OR
NOT, DOES
HE HAVE
TO BE SO
DAMN HEAD-
STRONG...?











GET
OUT
OF
HERE!

DON'T
WORRY!
WE'LL
TAKE CARE
OF THIS
BRUTE!







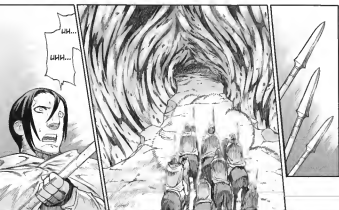
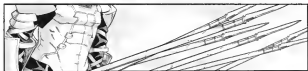




ONCE WE
SMASH
THROUGH...

...THERE'S
NO
TURNING
BACK.

STEEL
YOUR
RE-
SOLVE.



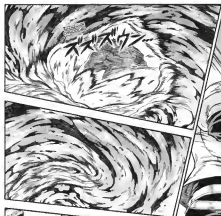




...
OUR
WIN.

THIS
IS...















Wasserscheide (Watershed)
◆ III ◆



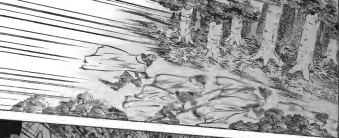


WE'LL HIDE
IN THE
FOREST!!

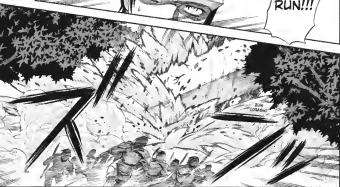


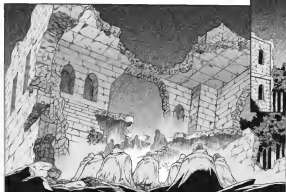
SO MANY
DECKLING-
ZANT.....!!

SO—













YOU.....
YOU EXPECT
ME TO CALM
DOWN? LOOK
AT US!

WE'RE EATING
WISGITECH
BEASTS JUST
TO KEEP
DRAGGING
OURSELVES
ALONG.....

WHAT
CAN
ELEVEN
PEOPLE
DO!?



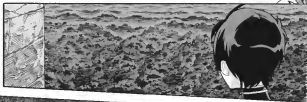
.....
YOU
FOOL...

WE'VE
MADE
IT THIS
FAR.

HOW CAN
YOU SAY
THAT.....?

IF WE
STICK
TOGETHER,
WE CAN—

WE'LL
BE
FINE.







...BUT
THE
MIS-
SION

.....

WHAT
OF THE
MISSION
!?



GUSTAV
AND
KRENTL
WERE BORN
IN THE
BORDER-
LANDS...

WE'RE
NOT LIKE
THEM.....

...AND
ASCHERIT
IS JUST AN
ORPHAN.....



THIS
INSANE
HELSCAPE
IS NO
PLACE FOR
US!!

BUT WE
ALL HAVE
FAMILIES
WAITING
BACK
HOME!



...AND
FUTURE LORD
OF JEBR. THE
TERRITORY
THAT'S LONG
PROTECTED
THE IMPERIAL
CAPITAL.....

YOU'RE
THE ELDEST
SON OF THE
GREAT
JEBNARESS
WARRIOR
CLAN.....

KFER.







!!?



AREN'T
COMING

GLENN
AND THE
OTHERS



AFTER
WORKING
AS ONE...
...AND
COMING
THIS
FAR...!!

BUT
WHY...?







GUSTAV'S
BATTLE
PROWESS

KRENTEL
AND HIS
MAGICS.

AFTER
COMPLET-
ING THE
MISSION
AND
RETURN-
ING.....



AND BLATT
MEISTER
ASCHERIT'S
SWORD
SKILLS...



WE
HAVE
TO
SUR-
VIVE.



...WHO
MUST
MAKE IT
BACK.

YOU'RE
ALL
VALUABLE
ASSETS
TO THE
EMPIRE...

MY
SON IS...
I NEED
YOU
TO.....



?



I HAVE
A RE-
QUEST.

.....
ASCHER-
IT.









AND
SO...

...ASCHERIT,
THE ONE
REGARDED AS
STRONGEST
OF THE ERA,
MET HIS
DEATH.

THE AGE
OF THE
SEVEN
HEROES
BEGAN,
USHERING
IN PEACE
FOR THE
EMPIRE.

HOW-
EVER...



WHAT WAS
BORN DEEP
IN THE
FOREST OF
DEATH...

...WOULD BE
A BLADE OF
VENGEANCE

...

...
DESTINED
TO SEEK
THE
SEVEN
HEROES.



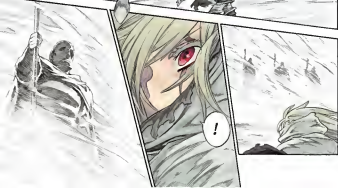


WORTH
A LOOK, I'D
SAY.

THE STRIDES
OF THEM
HEROES ARE
JUST AHEAD.



.....



!



***Ein Kleines Blatt
(A Small Blade)***





AHH

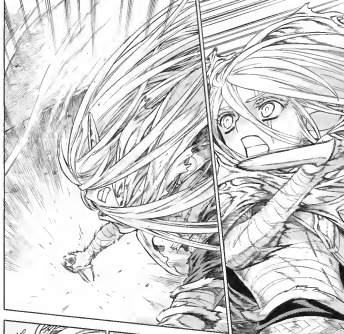
UHH...
AH.....

AH...
AH...

AAAAAAAAH!!!













Border
between the
Baltiergrau
and
Moongraur



THE EMPIRE
AND HEROES
ARE SURE TO
SEND THEIR
BEST AFTER
US...

IF YOU
REALLY
INTEND TO
TAG ALONG...

...I CAN'T
HAVE YOU
GIVING
UP SO
EASILY.



CAN WE
TAKE A
BREAK
...?

CAN...



D...

DON'T CALL
YOURSELF
THAT!



THEY'LL
COME TO
TAKE
DOWN THE
"REBEL"...

...WHO
DARES
THREATEN
PEACE
IN THE
EMPIRE...



...MY
ANGER
TOWARD
THOSE
SEVEN
HASN'T
FADED.

THERE'S
NO WAY...

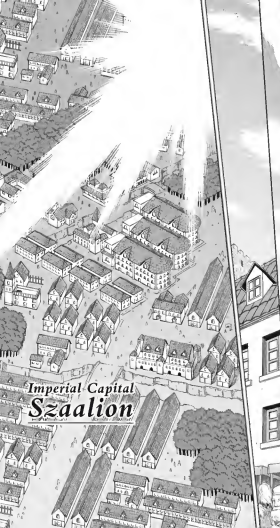
...I CAN
EVER
FORGIVE
THEM.



THE
SEVEN
HEROES
STOLE
YOUR
HONOR
AWAY!
THEY'RE
THE REAL
REBELS!

YOU'RE
NOT
A BAD
GUY!

ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT?



Imperial Capital
Szaalion

THE
PEACE.....

...WE
FOUGHT
AND
DIED
FOR.....

...I MAY
WELL
SHATTER
THE
EMPIRE'S
PEACE.....

.....
BUT IN
PASSING
THAT
JUDGMENT
.....

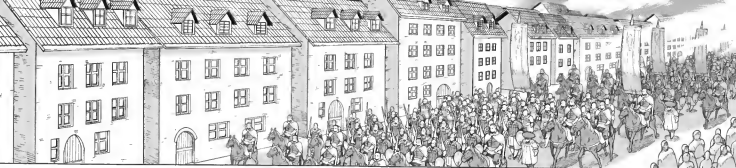
NOT
BECAUSE
THEY
STOLE MY
HONOR...

...BUT BECAUSE
THEY'VE
SHAMELESSLY
DECEIVED THE
EMPEROR AND
EVERYONE WHO
TOOK PART IN
THAT WAR.

THEY...

...MUST BE
JUDGED
FOR
THAT.....!!









HE WOULD
HAVE LONG
SINCE
KILLED THIS
REBEL.

...IF
ONLY...

...
ASCHERIT
WERE
STILL
WITH
US...



DAMN
...

JUST
WHO IS
HE...?



BARE-
STAR WAS
OUT OF
LINE, NO
DOUBT...

...BUT TO
ADMIRE
A CLEAR
ENEMY
OF THE
STATE
LIKE
THAT...!



WHAT
GOOD
IS IT TO
WISH FOR
A DEAD
MAN'S
AID?

IN-
DEED
...

DON'T...

DON'T
SAY HIS
CURSED
NAME!



A
MAN WE
MUR-
DERED.

A
DEAD
MAN?
NO.....



...AND THE
SUPPORT
OF THE
PEOPLE.....



FOR
TWENTY
YEARS...

...WE'VE
LIVED AND
FLOURISHED
THANKS TO
OUR SIN...

NEVER
FORGET.



**WE
BLOODIED
OUR
HANDS TO
ACHIEVE
THIS.**



THAT WE
NOW WALK
AS LORDS
DOWN THIS
CORRIDOR
TO THE
EMPEROR'S
ASSEMBLY
HALL...
IT'S ALL
BECAUSE...

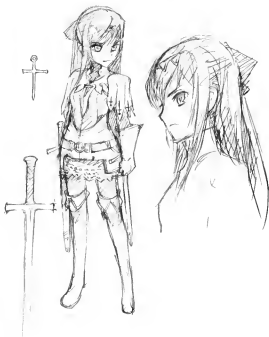


...OF
WHAT
WE
DID...

...TWENTY
YEARS
AGO IN
THE
FOREST
OF
DEATH.

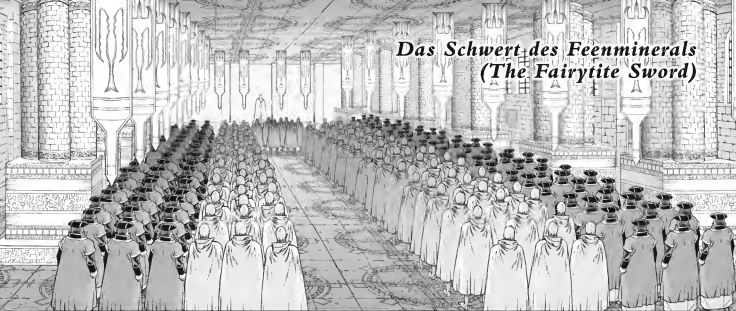








Das Schwert des Feenminerals (The Fairytite Sword)



HOW-
EVER...

?

...THAT THE
FREE CITY
SHOULD BE
STRIPPED OF
ITS LIBERTY.

SOME
WILL
SUGGEST



AT
THAT
ASSEM-
BLY...

...WE
WILL HAVE
A THOROUGH
DISCUSSION
OF THE EVENTS
IN JULIAS-
/BLIAS.



ON THE
NEXT FULL
MOON...

...THE TEN
KINGS OF
THE ROUND
WILL
ASSEMBLE.



AS SUCH,
EVEN MORE
THAN
THE FREE
CITY.....

!!
...
PERHAPS
THE
BATTERY-
GRAVE IS
DESERVING
OF JUDG-
MENT.



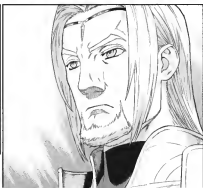
...THAT THE
BATTERY-
GRAVE'S
OWN ACTIONS
INVITED
REBELLION.

...IT IS
WORTH
NOTING
.....



THE
CAPITAL
WILL FIRST
DISPATCH
ENVOYS
TO THE
BATTERY-
GRAVE...

...TO
THOROUGHLY
INVESTIGATE
THE
MATTER.....





WHAT
IS IT...

...MARGUI'S
LEBEL-
LOND?



FORGIVE
ME, YOUR
HIGH-
NESS...

...P...



...BUT
EVEN
SO...

WE'VE ALSO
RECEIVED
WORD OF
BARESTAR'S
ACTIONS...



...NO.

THE
TRUTH
MUST BE
TOLD.



BESIDES
WHICH,
THE
ACCUSED
HAS
ALREADY
PASSED...



IF...
IF ONE OF
THE SEVEN
HEROES...

...WAS
TO BE
JUDGED SO
PUBLICLY,
WOULD
THAT NOT
DISTRESS
THE
PEOPLE...?













GLENN.

I'VE GIVEN YOU TREMENDOUS POWER.



...YOU'LL EARN THE ENMITY OF YOUR FELLOW LORDS.













YES...

TRAVELING
AROUND IN
SECRET
TAKES QUITE
A TOLL ON
THE BODY!

THIS
FEELS SO
GOOD,
MISS
ELSARIA!



OUR
LADY LIVES
BY THAT
CREED...

"A CHANCE
TO BATHE
CANNOT BE
PASSED UP."

SHE KNOWS
WE'RE SITTING
DUCKS FOR
THE KNIGHTS
WHO PURSUE
US, BUT
STILL...

OF
ALL
THE...



WHO'S
THERE
!!?

!



THEIR
CYCLES
DIFFER
EVER SO
SLIGHTLY

OH
DEAR!

DON'T
SUR-
PRISE
ME
LIKE
THAT!

AND
DON'T
PEEK!!!

SZALEN-
DEN'S TWO
MOONS.....



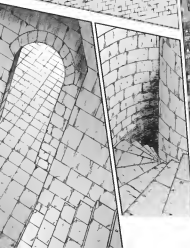
THEY'RE
ONLY FULL
AT THE
SAME
TIME ONCE
EVERY FEW
YEARS.

AND THIS
TIME, THE
TEN KINGS
OF THE
ROUND
MEETS
ON THAT
DAY.....

BATTERY-
GRAVE
BARESTAR'S
INEXCUSABLE
ACTIONS...

I HAVE TO
MAKE SURE
THE ROUND
JUDGES HIM
APPROPRI-
ATELY!

WE
HAVE TO
HURRY



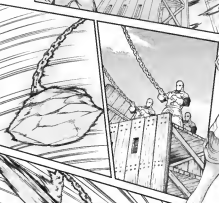














***Ein Geheimer Kurs
(A Secret Path)***







IT'S
STILL NOT
ENOUGH
TO
COUNTER
.....

...THAT
MOVE
!!!!!!
.....



WE WILL
ROOT OUT
...AND THE HERO-
DEFEAT
HIM!!

WE WILL
SOON CROSS
THE BORDER
AND ENTER
THE MOON-
GRAVATE...

...TO
SEARCH
FOR THE
REBEL!



YEAH-
HHH!!!



*Lebellond's Principality,
Fürstentum Krohzen*

*Hero-Killing Rebel
Subjugation Force
Headquarters*



EXCEL-
LENT.



ALL
SUBJUGATION
SQUADS
HAVE
NOW BEEN
DEPLOYED.

SQUAD
TWELVE
HAS
MOVED
OUT.

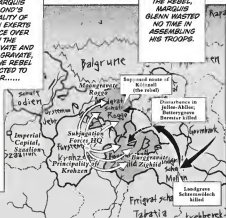
STANDING
BY ARE
FOUR MORE
SQUADS,
READY TO
DEPLOY AT
A MOMENT'S
NOTICE.



AFTER
RECEIVING
THE ORDER
FROM THE
EMPEROR TO
TAKE DOWN
THE REBEL,
MARQUIS
GLENN WASTED
NO TIME IN
ASSEMBLING
HIS TROOPS.

GIVEN
THAT MARQUIS
LEBELLOD'S
PRINCIPALITY OF
KROHZEN EXERTS
INFLUENCE OVER
BOTH THE
MOONGRAVATE AND
THE BURISGRAVATE,
WHERE THE REBEL
IS EXPECTED TO
APPEAR.....

...GLENN HAS
STATIONED HIS
HEADQUARTERS
IN KROHZEN,
ALLOWING HIM
TO QUICKLY
DISPATCH THE
SUBJUGATION
FORCES OVER
A WIDE
TERRITORY.....



Supposed route of
Krohzen
(the rebel)

Disturbance in
Jellor-Aklien;
Batterysgrave
Baroness killed

Landgrave
Schwarzwilch
killed



.....GLENN.....!



...ARE
STRUTTING
AROUND
IN MY
TERRITORY
LIKE THEY
OWN THE
PLACE!

GLENN
AND HIS
DAMN
TROOPS...

WHY
SHOULD
I CALM
DOWN?



.....CALM
DOWN,
LEBEL-
LOND.



IT'S UNDER-
STANDABLE
IF YOU DON'T
AGREE, GIVEN
THE STRENGTH
OF YOUR OWN
MILITARY.....

FOR THE
MOMENT, IT
SEEMS WISE
TO WAIT AND
OBSERVE THE
SITUATION.

W-WE CAN'T
DENY THAT
GLENN'S
TROOPS ARE
EXEMPLARY.



NOT TO
MENTION.....
HOW LONG
DO YOU TWO
PLAN ON
STAYING
HERE?

WHY NOT
GO HOME TO
YOUR OWN
TERRITORIES
AND TAKE
CHARGE
INSTEAD OF
LEAVING IT
ALL TO
GLENN?

THE WAY
HEROES
WOULD.



DON'T
BE SO
MODEST!

HMPH!



I CAN'T
LET HIM
CONTINUE
TO ACT
HOWEVER
HE
PLEASES
...

TIME
TO TAKE
MATTERS
INTO MY
OWN
HANDS!

I'LL BE
NEEDING
YOUR HELP
IN ANY
CASE.....

GLEN-
GURN,
NIRGEN-
FELED.



THANK
YOU.

...TO THE
SKIES ABOVE
BOTH THE
MOONGRAVATE
AND THE
BURGGRAVATE.

TWO
FLYING
DRAGON
SQUADS
HAVE BEEN
DISPATCHED
...



WITH BOTH
GROUND AND
SKY COVERED
THE REBEL
HAS NOWHERE
TO RUN!



FOUR WHOLE
SQUADS FROM
THE DRAGON-
GRAVE'S
OWN DRAGON
FORCES!

THEY'LL
BE
INVALLI-
ABLE!



.....

ODD THAT
WE'VE SEEN
NEITHER HIDE
NOR HAIR OF
THE REBEL
YET.....



...IT'S STILL
BEEN TEN
WHOLE DAYS
SINCE THE
SUBJUGATION
SQUADS WERE
DEPLOYED.

BUT
...





GIVEN HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE BATTERY-GRAVE BARESTAR'S MURDER.....

...EVEN IF THE REBEL WAS TRAVELING BY DRAGON, HE COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT THAT FAR...



WE'LL GIVE THE ORDERS

UN...

UNDER-
STOOD!

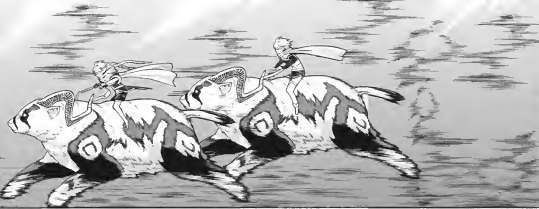


SEND OUR MEN THERE

BEST POSSIBLE SPEED









YEAH

IT'S A
SECRET
PATH I
ONCE
TRAVELED
WITH MY
FRIENDS.



WHO
KNEW
THIS
CAVE
WAS
HERE?

AMAZ-
ING!



...USED
MISCHANCEAN
BLACK ARTS
TO CREATE
CREATURES
TO DIG THIS
TUNNEL.

MANY
GENERATIONS
AGO, AN
EMPEROR
WAS
VYING FOR
TERRITORY...

ASCHERIT...

...DO YOU KNOW
...WHY ONLY A
SMALL NUMBER
IN THE CAPITAL
ARE AWARE OF
THIS PLACE?



THIS PLACE
IS A RELIC OF
THE EMPIRE'S
WELL-HIDDEN,
DARK
HISTORY.....

SOME SAY THAT
ALL RELATED
SCHOLARS AND
TROOPS WERE
ALSO KILLED
TO KEEP THEM
QUIET.....

THE BEASTS
WERE WORKED
TO DEATH
IN ORDER TO
COVER UP
THEIR VERY
EXISTENCE...
...AND
THEIR
BODIES
WERE
DISPOSED
OF IN
SECRET.



MORE
RELICS
FROM THE
PAST,
HIDDEN
AWAY...!

WE'RE
ALSO
PART
OF THAT
HISTORY
NOW.

.....
GUSTAV.
YOU
AND I...



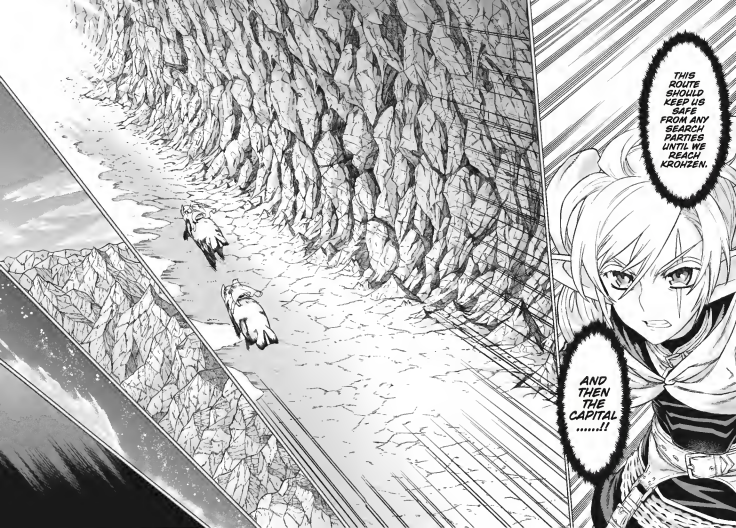
THEY'LL
BE THERE
TOO, NO
DOUBT.....

THE TEN
KINGS
OF THE
ROUND
WILL
MEET
SOON...



FOUR
MORE
DAYS, AND
WE'LL
BE OUT
OF THE
MOUNTAINS...
...AND IN
KROHZEN!

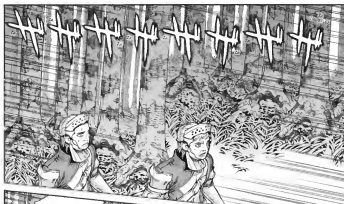
GOT
IT!



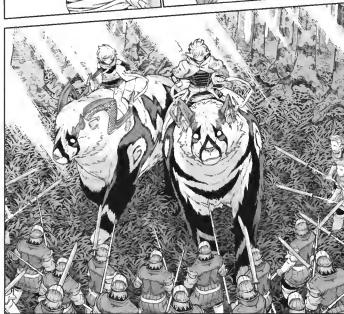
THIS
ROUTE
SHOULD
KEEP US
SAFE
FROM ANY
SEARCH
PARTIES
UNTIL WE
REACH
KROHZEN.

AND
THEN
THE
CAPITAL
.....!!











**GLENN'S
TROOPS
.....!?**



**G...
GET
THEM!!**

**DID HE
ANTI-
CIPATE MY
ROUTE
...!?**



Belagerung (Encirclement)

THEY
HAVE
BACKUP
.....!

!!
KÖIN-
ZELL!
AHEAD
.....!!

DAMMIT
.....!!





IF IT'S
SQUAD
TWO...

...THAT
MEANS HE
APPEARED IN
THE MIDDLE
OF OUR
FORMATION...



EVEN
SO, HOW
IS HE SO
FAST?

THEN IT
SEEMS HE
USED THE
BEASTS'
MOUNTAIN
TUNNEL....



**ASSUME
RING
FORMA-
TION!**

**NOTIFY
ALL
SQUADS
!!**

**WE'LL
SUR-
ROUND
THE
ENEMY!!**





ALERT HEAD-
QUARTERS
THAT WE'VE
FOUND THE
REBEL!!

AT
ONCE!!



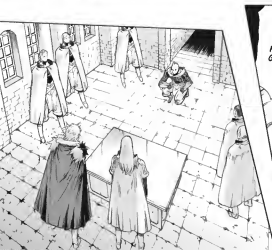
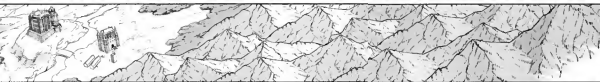
...SO
CORNER
THAT
REBEL!!

YOU
SHOULD ALL
KNOW THE
TOPOGRAPHY
WELL FROM
THESE
DAYS OF
SEARCHING...



BIBBIO
CHIODOSHI





I'LL
INFORM
MARQUIS
GLENN AT
ONCE...



THE
REBEL...
THEY FOUND
HIM...!?

THEY...
ARE IN
PURSUIT
...!?





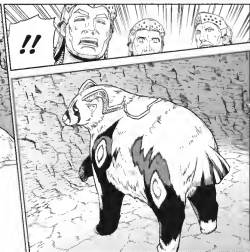




!!

THE
REBELS
HAVE
SPLIT
UP!!!

DON'T
LOSE
THEM!!





WE
NEED TO
HURRY
AND PICK
UP THE
TRAIL...

...AND
WE'VE
LOST
THEM...

THE
FORMA-
TION IS
BRO-
KEN...

THEY SPLIT
UP AND
ABANDONED
THEIR
MOUNTS.....



BUT
WE
STILL
HAVE
THE
ENEMY
OUT-
FLANKED.

ONLY
THE
INNER-
MOST
SQUAD
IS OUT
OF
PLACE.

!

I EXPECT
THEY'RE
HIDING IN THE
FOREST AS THEY
WATCH OUR
MOVEMENTS AND
EVALUATE THEIR
OPTIONS.

NO.

STOP
PANICK-
ING.

EXPAND
THE
RING...
...AND
HOLD
FORMA-
TION!









THAT
SAID.....

GLENN IS
ACTING AS
PROXY FOR
THE EMPEROR.
I DON'T INTEND
TO GET IN THE
WAY OF HIS
TROOPS.

YES,
YES.

THIS IS
RECK-
LESS...

SUBJU-
GATING
THE
REBEL
IS—



MY
RIGHT,
EVEN!

...IT'S MY
DUTY AS LORD
OF KROHZEN
TO COMMAND
FORCES
AGAINST HIM...

...NOW
THAT THE
REBEL
IS IN MY
DOMAIN
.....



BUT
...!!



**JUST
SIT
BACK
AND
ENJOY
THE
SHOW**

**I'VE
PERSON-
ALLY
TRAINED...**

**...MY
HIGH-
SPEED
ASSAULT
SQUADS.
LET'S
WATCH
THEM
WORK!**



THEY
HAVEN'T
FOUND US
YET, BUT...



...WE'RE
COMPLETELY
SURROUNDED
BY THIS WIDE
NET...



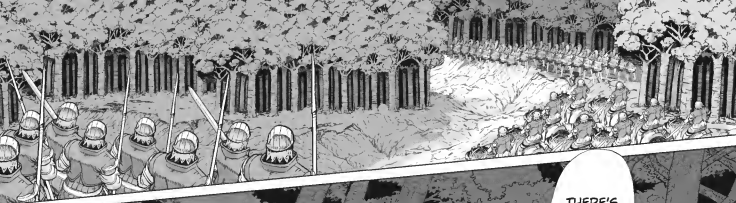
BUT I
DON'T SEE
HOW WE
CAN ESCAPE
THEIR
RING.....

WE...
MANAGED
TO HIDE
FOR NOW.



QUITE THE
IMPRESSIVE
TROOPS YOU
HAVE...

...
GLENN
...



THERE'S
NO
GAP TO
EXPLOIT







WE HAVE
HIM SUR-
ROUNDED...
IN THAT
GROVE.....

THE
HERO-
KILLING
REBEL
IS COR-
NERED.

THERE
IS...

...NO-
WHERE
TO RUN
.....!!

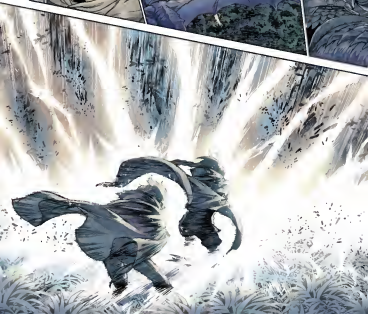
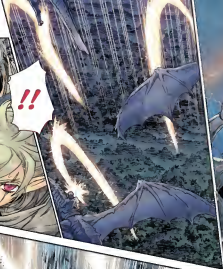


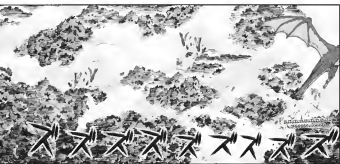
Hestiger Angriff (Fierce Attack)

!!!

OPEN
FIRE!!!







I WANT
TWO
POLEARM
SQUADS TO
ADVANCE
INTO THE
GROVE!

FIND THE
REBEL'S
BODY!

THAT
MUST'VE
HIT THE
HERO-
KILLER
.....!!







T-
TAKE
HIM!!

O
H
H
H
!!!



...!



...IT'S
THE
REBEL
!!

H
E
'
S
A
L
I
V
E
!!



...AND
FALL
ON THE
REBEL IN
WAVES!!

NOTIFY
ALL
TROOPS
!!
NEIGH-
BORING
SQUADS
ARE TO
UNITE...

.....
!!
.....



HE'S
NO
PUSH-
OVER!
DON'T
BREAK
FOR-
MA-
TION!!



WHAT'S
THAT
SWORD
...!/?







...AND THEN
FIGHT ON
THE
GROUND
LIKE
CAVALRY

THAT
TYPE CAN
DEPLOY
FROM ABOVE...

SHORT-
WINGED
DRAGON
RIDERS!

IT'S A
POWERFUL
SQUAD OF
KROHZEN'S
TRADITIONAL
SHORT-
WINGED
DRAGONS

THESE
ARE
LEBEL-
LOND'S
TROOPS
.....!



WHAT
IS
THIS
!?



U
W
A
A
H
!?



WE'VE
BEEN
TASKED
WITH
TAKING
THE
REBEL
.....!!

WH—
WHY
WOULD
MARQUIS
LEBEL-
LOND
SEND HIS
OWN...?

MARQUIS
LEBELLOND'S
HIGH-SPEED
ASSAULT
SQUADS ARE
HERE TO
ASSIST!!



TCH...
THEY
JUST
KEEP
COMING
.....!!



WHAT
DO
WE
DO!?

KOIN-
ZELL
!!



AHT...

...STICK
CLOSE
TO
ME...!

!?



WHAT
NOW
!?
YOU
DAMN
REBELS
!!!

HA
HA
HA
HA!!!





**LOOK!
IT'S
THE
REBELS
!!**

**DAMN
THEM**

**THEY
GOT TWO
OF OUR
DRAGONS
...!**

**ABOVE
US!!
AFTER
THEM!!!**

!!!



DODGE
IT!!
AHT!!!



BELOW
TOO...!!

SO MANY
DRAGON
RIDERS
ABOVE
US.....!!

EVEN
WITH
THESE
DRAG-
ONS...
HOW
ARE WE
GONNA
.....!?

KÖINZELL!!

AND
WE'RE
STILL IN
RANGE
OF THE
BOWMEN
.....!!







SOON
ENOUGH



JUST A
MATTER
OF TIME
BEFORE
MY SQUADS
TAKE THE
REBEL'S
HEAD.....



WHAT
IS IT...?

WHAT'S
THE WORD
FROM THE
FIELD...?





.....
WHAT
...!!?



THE
...

...THE
REBELS
SEIZED
DRAGONS
FROM
MARQUIS
LEBEL-
LOND'S
SQUAD...

...AND
ARE
HEAD-
ING
THIS
WAY...!





...LEBEL-
LOND.

THANKS
FOR THE
ESCAPE
ROUTE...



SEEMS
LIKE...

...YOU'RE
STILL
BUTTING
HEADS
WITH
GLENN...

YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED.



I'M
COMING
FOR YOU
.....!!!

LEBEL-
LOND.

GLENN.



BUT
THE
ENEMY
IS STILL

SHIT!

SHORT-
WINGED
DRAGONS...

...CAN'T
FLY THAT
QUICKLY.....

WHY CAN'T
WE BRING
THESE TWO
DOWN!?

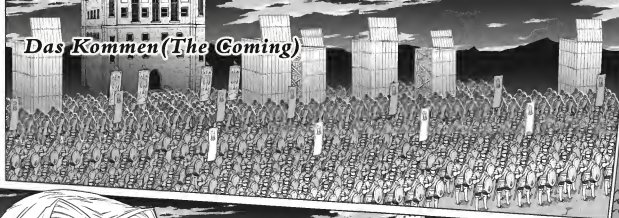
WHY...?

AT
THIS
RATE

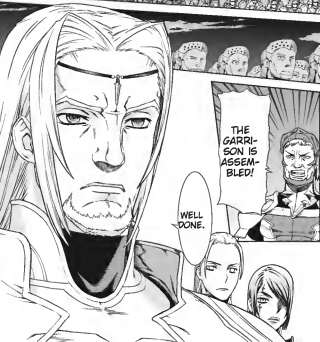
THEIR...

...TACTICS
ARE
INCREDI-
BLE...!!

Das Kommen (The Coming)



...THE
REBELS
WILL...



THE
GARRI-
SON IS
ASSEM-
BLED!

WELL
DONE.



...REACH
HEAD-
QUARTERS
...!!!



AD-
VANCE
PAST
GLENN'S
FORCES
!!

BUT...

...IF
THEY'RE
THAT
FAR IN
FRONT.....



...WAS
UNDOUBT-
EDLY MY
FAILURE.
.....!

ALLOWING
THE REBEL
TO BREAK
FREE...

...I
CAN'T
LEAVE
IT AT
THAT!

BUT.....

LOOK,
UP THERE!

JUST
TRY ME,
HERO-
KILLER!!

AND
THEN MY
ELITE
TROOPS
WILL...
THIS
TIME,
FOR
SURE
...!!

I'LL BE
THE BAIT
TO LURE
YOU
HERE!



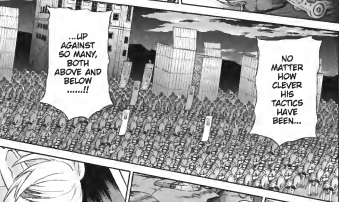




...HE'S
CAUGHT IN
A PINGER
ATTACK...!!

BUT
NOW...

SO THE
REBEL'S
REACHED
HEAD-
QUARTERS...



...LIP
AGAINST
SO MANY,
BOTH
ABOVE AND
BELOW
.....!!

NO
MATTER
HOW
CLEVER
HIS
TACTICS
HAVE
BEEN...



**FOR-
GIVE
ME!**



...I
MIGHT
HAVE
FOUGHT
ON THE
EMPIRE'S
SIDE.....



IN
ANOTHER
LIFE.....







DAMN
.....!!



DON'T
FALTER!!

FORM
UP YOUR
RANKS!!

PROTECT
MARQUIS
LEBEL-
LOND!!!

**HAVE
AT ME!
REBEL!!**

**I'M
RIGHT
HERE!
ONE
OF THE
HEROES
!!**

!!





BACK
THEN,
AT THE
ENCAMP-
MENT...!!













**HOW-
EVER
....!!!**

YOU'VE
IMPROVED

...
GLENN.





Libelblatt

Long ago, most of the dragons within the empire were the short-winged variety.

Nowadays, they are more often used for transporting resources from mountainous regions, as training of larger, longer-winged dragons isn't developed enough for such tasks.

Around 600 A.D. (Anno Domestio), as skirmishes against the lesser kings with floating castles were intensifying near the border, the empire was forced to learn about the flying dragons utilized by those kings.

KURZ DRACHE

SHORT-WINGED DRAGON

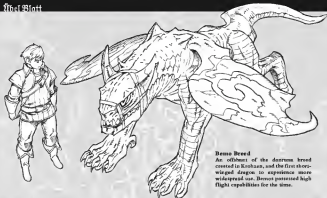


Domestic Breed

The type of short-winged dragon native to the empire. Their sturdy frames make them ill-suited to flight, but their gentle dispositions mean that they warm to humans quickly. As such, they're long been used for transport of goods. This is the breed that gave rise to all others currently used by the military.

The native short-winged species was the first to be trained and used in military squads by the empire, but eventually the long-winged variety from the borderlands was domesticated, leading to much larger dragon brigades. Short-winged dragons largely fell out of use.

However, during the great wars with Wischarch and smaller conflicts with border lords that followed over the next several hundred years, dragon utilization was further refined, and consistent selective breeding would lead to the return of short-winged dragons to the battlefield.



Bemo Breed

An offshoot of the *danrum* breed created in Krohzen, and the first short-winged dragon to experience more widespread use. Bemos possessed high flight capabilities for the time.

Around 2000 A.D., disputes among lesser lords threatened to throw the empire into chaos, but a general of Krohzen's court at the time took it upon himself to organize a number of short-winged dragon brigades that he used to turn the tide and suppress the fighting in nearby regions. His actions played a large role in ending the conflict.

These dragons were capable of relatively long flights but could also use their strong legs to run across the battlefield at speeds comparable to cavalry units. The introduction of tactics involving these dragons confounded the lesser lords' troops to no end.

Short-winged dragon squads no longer experience the predominance on the battlefield that they boasted at their peak, but several territories—Krohzen first among them—still keep a number of such squads in reserve.



Kwag Breed

The most capable breed of short-winged dragon used by the military is present day. Kwags are nearly as proficient fliers as the large, long-winged species. The secrets in their propagation and training are known only to the Principality of Krohzen.

Libelblatt







Der Verlust (The Loss)









A
"STAR"
HAS
COME!!

SHRINE
PRINCESS
.....?

A GREAT,
STABILIZ-
ING STAR
HAS.....!!



**GLENN
WAS...**

**IT WAS
SWAL-
LOWED
BY AN
OVER-
WHELM-
ING
SHADOW
.....**

**...
KILLED
!!?**



!!



**A DARK,
CALAM-
ITOUS
SHADOW
.....!!**

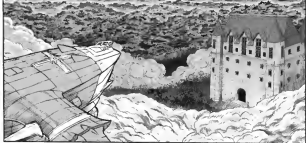


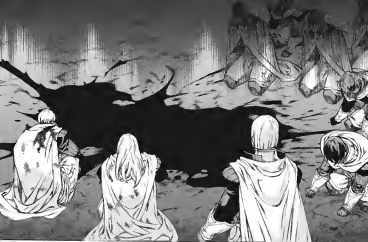


.....WHERE
IS THE
BODY OF THE
MARQUIS.....?



THE
ORDER OF
THE SEVEN
LANCES...
...IS
BRINGING
HIM
BACK TO
JEBR.....













...WAS TO
BRING
DOWN
THE
REBEL.

.....MY
ONLY
ORDER...



.....
WELL?

WHERE'D
THE
REBEL
GO?

THE
DRAGON-
GRAVE'S
SQUADS ARE
IN PURSUIT.
MARQUE'S
LEBELLOND'S
TOO.

HE
ESCAPED
ON A
DRAGON
WITH HIS
ALLY.

YOU
BAST-
TARD
.....

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING
.....?





I'VE
FINALLY
OBTAINED
IT...



...HERO-
KILLING
REBEL
.....!!



THE
TECHNIQUE
I NEED TO
TAKE YOU
DOWN!







NEWS OF
MARQUIS
GLENN'S
DEATH...

...
QUICKLY
SPREAD
TO EVERY
CORNER
OF THE
EMPIRE.



OUT TO
AVENGE
GLENN, THE
ORDER OF THE
SEVEN LANCES
EMBARKED ON
A MANHUNT
COVERING THE
WHOLE OF
THE EMPIRE.

HOW-
EVER...

...AS IT HAD
BEEN GLENN'S
PRIVATE
GUARD, THE
ORDER WAS
FORBIDDEN
BY MARQUIS
LEBELLOND
FROM
SEARCHING
WITHIN HIS
TERRITORY.





A
NUMBER
OF DAYS
HAVE
PASSED

IN ORDER TO
NEGOTIATE
WITH HIM, THE
KNIGHTS HAVE
SOJOURNED AT
HIS CASTLE.....



...ORDER
OF THE
SEVEN
LANCES.

I'VE
KEPT
YOU
WAIT-
ING...



WHEN
WILL YOU
ALLOW
US TO...?

MARQUIS
LEBELLOND
*****!







DO YOU
WANT TO
BECOME LORD
LEBELLOND'S
RETRAINER.....?



WH-
WHAT'RE
YOU...?



LORD
LEBELLOND
IS NOT
INTERESTED
IN SOME
NO-NAME!

GET
OUT OF
HERE!





*Mein Herr
(My Master)*







...BUT IF
YOU PLEDGE
YOUR SWORD
TO ME.....

I DON'T
KNOW HOW
GLENN WAS
TREATING
YOU...



WHAT I
DESIRE?



SAY THE
WORD, AND
THEY'RE
YOURS.

YOU WANT
MONEY?
WOMEN?

...I'LL
DISREGARD
YOUR
CURRENT
SOCIAL
STANDING...
...AND
TREAT
YOU AS A
PROPER
BUT.



WHAT
DO YOU
DESIRE?

WELL?







I'M
SURE THE
LATE GLENN
WOULD BE
GLAD TO
KNOW HIS
SUBORDI-
NATES
REMAIN SO
DEVOTED.

SO YOU
WANT MY
LEAVE TO
SEARCH
KROHZEN
FOR THE
REBEL?

.....
HOW-
EVER.



**I FORBID
YOU FROM
CONDUCTING
YOUR SEARCH
IN MY
DOMAIN.**

**HEAR
ME ONCE
MORE.**





LIKE
ICHFEIS,
HERE.

BECOME
MY RE-
TAINERS.



...!



I
WOULD
WELCOME
YOU...

...AND
GIVE YOU
EVERY
CHANCE TO
AVENGE
YOUR
FALLEN
MASTER.

EVERYONE
KNOWS THAT
DESPITE BEING
A SMALL UNIT,
THE ORDER OF
THE SEVEN
LANCES IS
MADE UP OF
EXEMPLARY
WARRIORS.



...I'LL
PROMOTE
YOU TO FULL
KNIGHTS IN THE
SERVICE OF
KROHZEN!

YOU'RE JUST
A BAND OF
MERCENARIES
AS OF NOW,
BUT IF YOU ALL
JOIN ME.....



HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA!!!



NOT
A BAD
DEAL,
HUH!!?







**THE
ORDER
OF THE
SEVEN
LANCES**

**...SERVES
LORD
GLENN
AND NONE
OTHER.**





NOT
AT
ALL...



I'M
SORRY...

...IF
THAT
WAS
OUT OF
LINE.....



WE'LL
SAID...

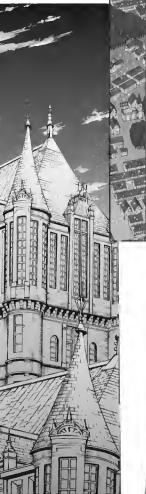
...ROZEN.



WE ALL
FEEL THE
SAME
WAY.....













GLENN



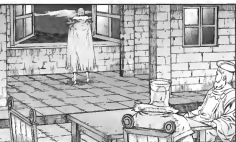


A MAN
OUT TO
BECOME
THE NEXT
BLATT
MEISTER
...?

HE
SHOULD
BE QUITE
THE
ASSET,
BUT...

...AREN'T
YOU A
BIT CON-
CERNED?





KNOWING
HIS
LINEAGE
...



WHY
CAN'T
I...???

GLENN
BROUGHT
HIM TO
HEEL.



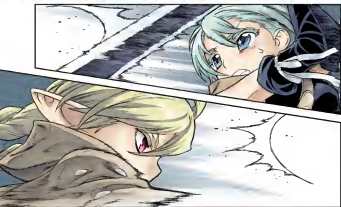
...AND
WENT
STRAIGHT
FOR
GLENN
...!!

...THE
REBEL
IGNORED
ME...

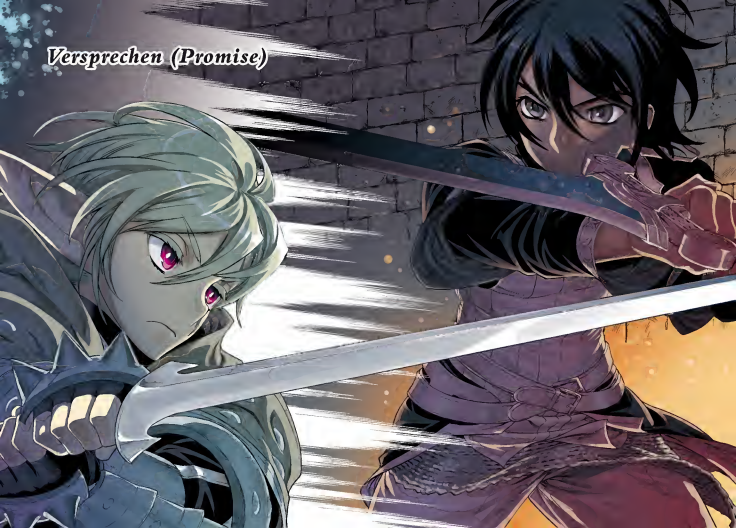
IN
THAT
MOMENT
...







Versprechen (Promise)



GROWING UP





GOOD.

LET'S
STOP FOR
NOW.

YOU'VE
IMPROVED
A LOT,
AHT.

YOU
REALLY
THINK
SO...?

G...

GOT
IT.

...WE CAN
GET IN
A LITTLE
MORE
PRACTICE.

TAKE A
BREAK.
AFTER YOU
CATCH
YOUR
BREATH
...

AND I'VE
HAD THE
CHANCE TO
TRY OUT
SOME NEW
TECHNIQUES
MYSELF.



SUCH
SPIRIT,
ICHFEIS.



NNSH
.....!

FROM
THUNDER

THUNDER



I'VE
BORROWED
SOME OF
YOUR KNIGHTS
TO HONE MY
SKILLS...

...LORD
LEBEL-
LOND.









A
VENOMOUS
WASP...



I HOPE
YOU DO
JUST AS
WELL
WHEN THE
REBEL
ATTACKS.

GUARDING
MY LIFE
IS TOP
PRIORITY,
ICHFEIS.

WE'LL
DONE,
PROTECT-
ING ME
LIKE
THAT!

HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA!



BUT OF COURSE.

I...

...CERTAINLY
DON'T WANT
TO WITNESS
THE DEATH
OF A SECOND
MASTER.



I CAN'T
HAVE YOU
FAILING ME
THE WAY
YOU DID
GLENN.



YOU LOT.
KEEP ON
HELPING
ICHIIBEI'S
TRAIN.



HMPH!

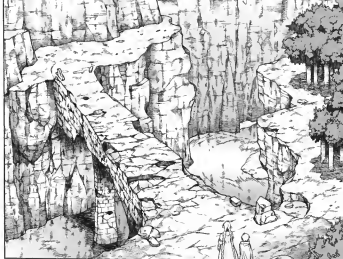
I LIKE
THAT
CONVIC-
TION!



THE
CAPITAL.



BUT LORD
LEBELLOND,
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING...?



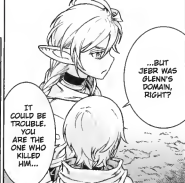
THEN
WE'LL BE
IN JEBR.

YEAH.

WHAT
AN OLD-
LOOKING
BRIDGE

...WE MIGHT
BE ABLE
TO SHAKE
LEBELLOND'S
TROOPS BY
CROSSING THE
BORDER...

ARE WE
CROSS-
ING.....?







YOU'VE BEEN
WATCHING ME
LIKE A HAWK
SINCE WE
STARTED THIS
JOURNEY.

COME ON,
YOU'RE A
TERRIBLE
LIEK.



WH...
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN...?

GLENN

.....



.....

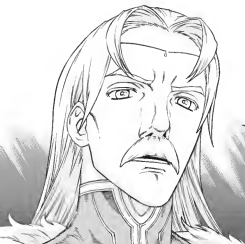


...I
PROBABLY
SHOULDN'T
ASK SUCH
A THING
BUT.....

...NOW
THAT I'M
EMPEROR

.....





TAKE
CARE
OF MY
SON.





...NEVER
BEEN
MUCH OF A
FATHER!

EVEN
THOUGH
HE'S...



.....
HMPH!



...SO HE TOLD
ME TO KEEP
QUIET AT ALL
COSTS.



HE KNEW YOU
WOULDN'T BE
HAPPY TO
HEAR IT...



...THAT I
WAS THE
ONE WHO
PROTECTED
YOU.

I'LL GET
STRON-
GER ON
THIS
JOURNEY.

SO WHEN
WE GET
BACK,
TELL MY
FATHER...





...HE,
BY ME...

AND
THEN...

I WAS
KILLED BY
GLENN...



THAT'S
WHY...

I KNOW
THAT.

THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG
WITH IT!

WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING...



KÖN-
ZELL.....



LET'S
GO.



I'M
FINE.

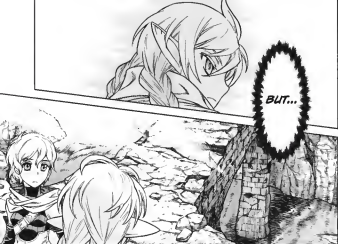
THANK
YOU...

...AHT.

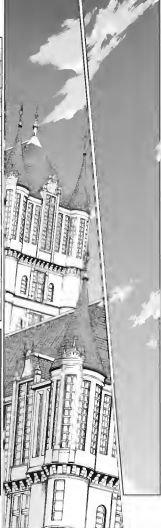
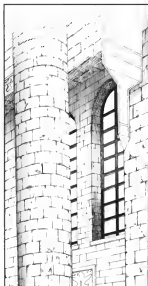


A DAY
MAY COME
WHEN I
HAVE TO
PAY THE
PRICE...
...FOR
MY
OWN
CRIMES
...

NO
MATTER
MY REA-
SONS...
...THE
EMPEROR
WILL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
FORGIVE
ME.











YEAH...



WE'RE PASSING THROUGH THAT VILLAGE?



GOT IT.



RUNNING INTO THOSE HUNTING US WOULD BE TROUBLE.

LET'S PROCEED CAREFULLY.



IT MAY BE DANGEROUS...

BUT THERE'S SOMEWHERE I NEED TO GO...





Singstimme (Singing Voice)





SHOW
US
YOUR
FACES.



THEY DIDN'T
WASTE ANY
TIME.....

KÖNIG
KÖNIGZELL





JUST
TRAVELERS,
I GUESS.

THEY DON'T
LOOK LIKE
THE TRIBES
FROM
AROUND
HERE...



.....?



GO ON,
THEN!







AFTER
JUST
TWENTY
YEARS

NOW
LOOK
AT IT.







YOUR
SWORDS
RANG
OUT...

THE FOLK
WOULD
SHOUT...

ALL
ECHOES
FROM
THE
PAST.



WAR-
RIORS
OF
JEHR...

...YOU
SAVED
US TO
THE
LAST.







I LIKE TO
COLLECT
SONGS.

...IF
YOU
COULD
TEACH
ME
SOME
SONGS
FROM
YOUR
HOME-
LAND?

I'D
BE SO
GLAD

I'M...
...
KVERIA.

.....?



A SONG
FROM THE
BORDER-
LANDS! HOW
CURIOUS.



LOVELY!









.....
YEAH.



DID YOU
KNOW
THAT
MARGUIS
GLENN
WAS
KILLED?



THEY'RE
ALWAYS
FIGHTING
EACH
OTHER.

...A
NUMBER OF
WAR-PRONE
MILITARY
FACTIONS.

THIS
REGION
IS HOME
TO...

EVER
SINCE
MARGUIS
GLENN
BECAME
LORD OF
JEBR...

...THEY'VE
BEEN KEPT
ON TIGHT
LEASHES...

...A
NUMBER OF
SQUABBLES
BEGIN
ANEW.....
AND.....

...BUT
WITH
MARGUIS
GLENN'S
DEATH...



HURRY
ALONG IF
YOU DON'T
WANT
TO GET
INVOLVED...

...IT SEEMS
ANOTHER
WAR IS
ABOUT TO
BEGIN...



...I
WONDER
IF YOU
COULDN'T
HELP
ME.....?

WHILE
I'M HERE
THOUGH...

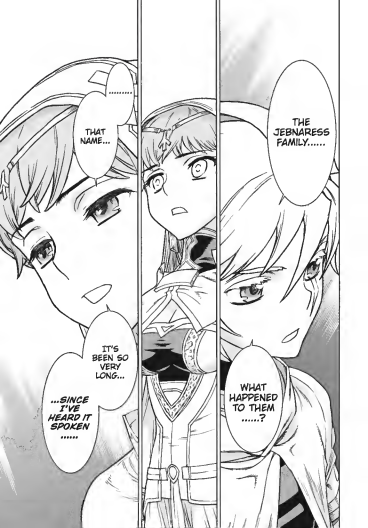
THANK
YOU...
...FOR
THE KIND
WARNING.



...WHO
USED TO
LIVE IN
THIS
MANOR...

THE
PEOPLE
...

WHAT
IS
IT...?



.....

THAT
NAME...

IT'S
BEEN SO
VERY
LONG...

...SINCE
I'VE
HEARD IT
SPOKEN
.....

THE
JEBNARESS
FAMILY.....

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THEM
.....?





PRIN-
CESS
!!



PRIN-
CESS.
SO
THIS IS
WHERE
YOU'VE
BEEN.....



I
APOLO-
GIZE.



WHEN YOU
DON'T COME
HOME BY
SUNSET,
EVERYONE...

...CAN'T
HELP
BUT
WORRY!









DO YOU
THINK
THIS
IS...



THE
BRIDGE
IS
OUT...!?

WHAT
IN THE
WORLD
.....?



SO THE
REBEL'S
IN JEER
NOW...

INFORM
MARQUIS
LEBELLOND
...!!







KVERIA'S
IN
THERE...?

THAT'S
THE
SEVON-
LEAAA
MANOR
.....?

THEIR
LORD WAS
JUST
KILLED...

...SO
THEY'RE
PROBABLY
ON HIGH
ALERT
FOR THE
"REBEL."



.....I'M
NOT
SURE.



...CAN WE
REALLY
JUST
STROLL
UP LIKE
THIS?

KVERIA
SEEMED
FRIENDLY
ENOUGH,
BUT...



.....BUT...

...WE'RE
STILL
GOING
TO TRY.



Tabu (Taboo)







LADY
KVERIA!



THESE
TWO
ARE MY
FRIENDS.



KONZELL,
AHT, I'M SO
GLAD YOU
CAME.

PLEASE,
COME
IN.....



HERE
TOO.....



YEAH

KON-
ZELL...





THE
JEBNARESS
CLAN HAD
LONG RULED
OVER JEBR.

MY
OWN CLAN,
SEVOHLEAAA,
SERVED
AS ITS CHIEF
RETAINERS

AMONG
THE OTHER
RETAINERS OF
JEBNARESS...

...WERE
FAMILIES
THAT WOULD
BECOME THE
DIVIDED
FACTIONS OF
TODAY.

BUT
TWENTY
YEARS
AGO...

...LORD
JEBNARESS'S
SON, KFER,
BECAME
ONE OF THE
TRAITOROUS
LANCES.

THE
HOUSE OF
JEBNARESS
WAS OVER-
THROWN AND
DESTROYED
BY ITS OWN
RETAINERS



SINCE
THEN...

...JEBB
HAS ENDURED
VIOLENT
INFIGHTING
TIME AND TIME
AGAIN.....

WITHOUT
A LORD TO
UNITE THEM,
THE RETAINER
FAMILIES
SPLIT...



...AND
FINALLY
ACCEPTED
HIM AS
LORD OF
JEBB.....

...DECIDED
TO STOP
REJECTING
MARQUIS
GLENN...

...THE LORDS
OF THE MOST
POWERFUL
FACTIONS,
HOPING FOR
PEACE...

BUT
A FEW
YEARS
AGO...



MY
BROTHER
WAS
AMONG
THEM.....

.....



IT WAS PEACE-
FUL...
...AND ITS
PEOPLE
LOYAL.....

...THIS WAS
ONCE A
WONDERFUL
LAND.

THEY ALL
STROVE TO
PROTECT
JEBR, WHICH
SERVES AS
FRONT GATE
TO THE
CAPITAL...



.....



...ASK ME
ABOUT
THE
JEBNA-
RESS?

WELL,
KON-
ZELL?

...BUT
WHY DID
YOU...



I'VE ONLY
HEARD ABOUT
THOSE DAYS
FROM THE
ELDERS' OLD
STORIES AND
SONGS.....

I
WASN'T
ALIVE TO
EXPERI-
ENCE
THAT
PEACE.





!!?



THE
JEBNA-
RESS ARE
NOT ALL
GONE.....

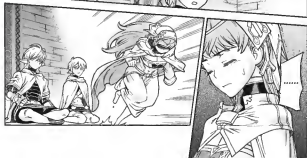
TRAITOROUS
LANCE
KPER'S WIFE
AND CHILD
STILL LIVE.



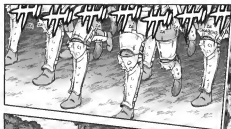


THEY,
ESPECIALLY













...SO
I END UP
RAISING
MY VOICE
TO HER.

SHE'S
MADE A
HABIT OF
BRINGING
UP THAT
FAMILY
.....



.....
KVERIA'S
LOOKED
HERSELF
IN HER
ROOM.



IT'S ALL
RIGHT...



I'M
SOR-
RY.

THE
RECENT
UNREST
THROUGH-
OUT
JEBIR...
...JUST
HAS
ME ON
EDGE...



AFTER ALL,
YOU'RE THE
CAUSE OF
ALL THIS.

...NO.

WHY
AM I
APOLO-
GIZING
TO YOU...?







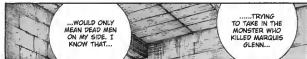


CHALLENGE YOU?

AND SEND MY MEN TO POINTLESS DEATHS?



.....?



...WOULD ONLY MEAN DEAD MEN ON MY SIDE. I KNOW THAT...

.....TRYING TO TAKE IN THE MONSTER WHO KILLED MARGUIS GLENN...



...HOW VERY REASONABLE OF YOU.

JUST BLOOD SPILLED FOR NOTHING.

THERE IS NO POINT.



...IS
ME.

THE
CAUSE
OF
JEBR'S
TROU-
BLE...

BECAUSE
YOU'RE
RIGHT...



.....HATE
YOU.....?



YOU...

....DON'T
HATE
ME?



I'VE HAD
ENOUGH
HATE.....

...HAVE
SPENT
TWENTY
YEARS
HATING ONE
ANOTHER.

WE
HERE IN
JEBR...



GETTING
CARRIED
AWAY BY
EMOTION...

...AND
SPILLING
MORE
BLOOD IS
THE LAST
THING I
SHOULD
DO.....



I INTEND
TO TREAT
YOU AS
ORDINARY
GUESTS AS
LONG AS
YOU'RE
HERE.

I WON'T
TELL MY
PEOPLE
THAT
YOU'RE
THE
REBEL.



SO DON'T
WORRY.





Die Wahrheit (The Truth)





I
IMPLORE
YOU...!



.....
KVERIA'S LITTLE
PLAYMATE HAS
GROWN INTO
QUITE THE
WOMAN.

THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I CAME TO
HEAR FROM
YOU!!



THE
REGION
HAS
BECOME
UNSTABLE
...

...EVER
SINCE THE
DEATH OF
MARQUIS
GLENN...

AS THE
MOST
INFLUENTIAL
OF THE
FACTIONS,
THE
HOUSE OF
SEVOHLEESA
MUST TREAD
CAREFULLY
...

...OR ELSE
WAR WILL
ERUPT,
AND THE
PEOPLE OF
JEBAR WILL
SUFFER AS
IN DAYS
PAST...







AND YOU, ITS
MOST DARING
AND FEARED
WARRIOR.....

SEVOHLEAA
WAS ONCE
KNOWN AS
THE MOST
MILITANT
OF THE
FAMILIES.

YOU'VE
REALLY
CHANGED...
...LORD
RAVAHN



FORGIVE MY
PRESUMPTU-
OUSNESS...

IT'S
UNDER-
STAND-
ABLE.
THINK
NOTHING
OF IT.



DID YOU
REALLY
THINK I'D BE
THE SAME
HOTHEAD
I ONCE
WAS.....?

BUT
THEN I
BECAME
HEAD
OF THIS
FAMILY.



AT ANY RATE...

...IT'S A RELIEF TO KNOW THAT THE HOUSE OF SEVOHLEEEA WON'T INCITE WAR!



...NOW I ONLY HOPE TO CONVINCE THE OTHER FACTIONS TO HOLD BACK...

...AND THEREBY KEEP THE PEACE IN JEBB.

SO YOU'RE CALLING ON THE OTHERS AS WELL?

YES.



WE'RE LEAVING!

WE'LL BE RESTING AT YOUR NORTHERN ESTATE.

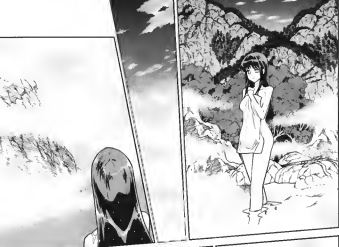
BUT I GLADLY ACCEPT YOUR HOSPITALITY FOR TONIGHT.

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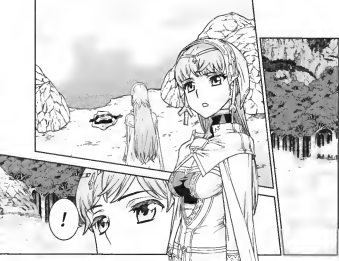














KÖINZELL...
WHY.....?



YOU'RE
THE REBEL.
WHY ARE
YOU HERE
.....!?



.....!!?

YOU'RE
THE
HERO-
KILLING
REBEL...

...WHO
MURDERED
MARQUIS
GLENN!!



THEY
SAY THAT
WAR COULD
ERUPT ANY
DAY NOW.....

BY
KILLING
MARQUIS
GLENN...
...YOU'VE
BROUGHT
UNREST
TO JEBEL.



DO YOU
HAVE ANY
THING...

...TO
SAY FOR
YOUR-
SELF?



...YOU
DESERVED
TO BE
CALLED
"HERO."

EVEN I
THOUGHT
...

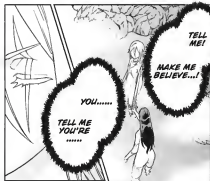
I.....

...YOU
FOUGHT TO
PROTECT THE
PEOPLE
.....

BACK IN
JULLAS-
ABLAS...



...JUST
SAY
SOME-
THING
.....!



YOU.....

TELL ME
YOU'RE
.....

TELL
ME!

MAKE ME
BELIEVE...!



ANSWER
ME...!

DE-
PEND-
ING
ON
WHAT
YOU
SAY...

...I
MAY BE
FORCED
TO.....!





INCLUDING
YOUR
IDENTITY



PEEPI
ALREADY
TOLD ME
EVERYTHING.

**BLATT
MEISTER
ASCHER-
IT.....**



YOU'RE
ONE OF THE
TRAITOROUS
LANCES,
THOUGHT TO
HAVE DIED...





IF IT IS
TRUE...

...THEN
EVERY-
THING
ELSE
MAKES
SENSE.

HOW
STRONG
YOU
ARE...

...AND THE
REASON
YOU'RE
AFTER THE
SEVEN
HEROES.....



.....AND
YOU
BELIEVE
THAT
STORY?

YOU
BELIEVE
THAT A
TRAITOR
WHO DIED
TWENTY
YEARS
AGO...
...COULD
BE ALIVE,
LOOKING
LIKE
THIS.....?



HOWEVER
...

...I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT.....

THAT
EXPLA-
NATION
ISN'T
ENOUGH.

IT'S
GOING
TO TAKE
MORE TO
CONVINCE
ME...!



THAT
YOU'RE
THE
TRUE
HERO...

THAT
THE
ONES
WHO
ACTUALLY
CARRIED
OUT THE
MISSION
...
...WERE
NOT THE
SEVEN
HEROES
...

...BUT RATHER
THE ONES
WE KNOW
AS THE
TRAITOROUS
LANCES
.....!!





IF
ALL OF
THAT IS
TRUE...

...THEN
YOU'RE
ONE OF
THE TRUE
HEROES
.....!

BUT
THEN,
WHY
...?

WHY
WOULD YOU
CAUSE THE
PEOPLE
YOU SAVED
TO SUFFER
SO.....?



ANSWER
ME!

SAY
IT!

MAKE ME
BELIEVE!!

TELL ME
THAT...

...YOU
FIGHT
FOR THE
GOOD
OF THE
PEOPLE!



I'VE
STRUGGLED
FOR TWENTY
YEARS TO
MAKE IT
THIS FAR.

THAT'S
THE
TRUTH.

.....I'M...

...GOING
TO KILL
THE SEVEN
HEROES.



IN
THAT
CASE...

...I HAVE
NO CHOICE
BUT
TO.....!!

...YOU
SLEW
MARGUIS
GLENN,
WHO HAD
BEEN A
JUST
LEADER...

...SO
WITH NO
CONSID-
ERATION
FOR THE
PEOPLE...





**Die Morgensonne
(The Morning Sun)**





.....I
GUESS YOU
OVER-
HEARD.....



SHEATHE
YOUR
SWORD,
ELSARIA.



SO
YOU'RE
...

...BLATT
MEISTER
ASCHERIT
.....?



THEN
KILLING
MARQUIS
GLENN...
...WAS
THE
RIGHT
THING
TO DO.

IF IT'S
TRUE.....
IF IT'S
TRUE
THAT THE
TRAITOROUS
LANCES
ACTUALLY
COMPLETED
THE MISSION
.....!



THAT'S
ALL LOST,
THANKS TO
WHAT HE'S
DONE!

BUT...

...MARQUIS
GLENN
BROUGHT
PEACE AND
STABILITY
TO JEBB.



IF THAT
STORY IS
TRUE.....

YOU'RE
WRONG

...

...
ELSARIA

.....

NO.

THAT'S
WRONG

.....



...FOR
TURNING
THE
PEOPLE
OF JEBR
AGAINST ONE
ANOTHER
.....!!

...IS ONE
OF THE
PEOPLE
RESPON-
SIBLE...

...THEN THE
MARQUIS
HIMSELF...



.....



IT
WOULD
SEEM
THAT THE
JEBNA-
RESS...

IT'S
BECAUSE
MARQUIS
GLENN...

...NEVER
SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
REMOVED
FROM POWER
IN THE FIRST
PLACE...!

...THE LAND
HAS BEEN
STAINED
WITH
BLOOD AND
CONTEMPT!

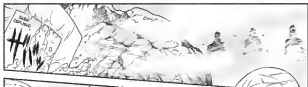
...THAT
JEBR
LOST ITS
LEADERS,
AND FOR
TWENTY
YEARS...

...GUILLED
THE NAME OF
LORD KFER—
HEIR TO THE
JEBNARESS
CLAN...



ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT
!?













IT'S REALLY BEEN...

...QUITE A LONG TIME, NOT?
SUGARUK?



I CAN'T...

WON'T YOU STAY WITH US ANWHILE?



I SEE...



FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE...

...WE'LL BE VISITING EACH OF JEBR'S FACTIONS.



YOU CAN TELL ALL OF JEBR THAT LORD KFER WAS A HERO TO THE END...!

WE'LL TELL MY BROTHER TOO.....!

.....! RIGHT!

OUR CONVERSATION FROM EARLIER
.....



NOT EVEN
YOUR
BROTHER
.....

NBODY
WOULD
EVER
BELIEVE
THAT...



ABSO-
LUTELY
NOT.

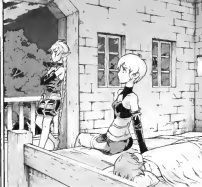


YOU
WON'T TELL
A SOUL.











.....AFTER
SEEING
PEEPI GO
HAPPY.....

...
CONFRONTING
YOU HERE
LIKE THIS
WOULD BE
CRUEL TO
HER.



MY
PARTY...

...WILL BE
LEAVING
EARLY TO-
MORROW.



...UNTIL
THE
STATE OF
THINGS IN
JEBIR IS
SETTLED.

...IS THAT
YOU KEEP
A LOW
PROFILE...

.....ALL
I ASK
FOR
NOW...









THE
MARQUIS
AND THE
OTHERS NO
LONGER
CONCERN
ME.....!

BUT
I ONLY
WISH...

I'M THE
DAUGHTER
OF
ELECTOR
ARCHALT
RAHN-
CLAVE...

UNLIKE
ROZEN,
I NEVER
PLEGGED
MY
LOYALTY
TO
MARQUIS
GLENN...

THEN
I WOULD
HAVE NO
REASON TO
OPPOSE
HIM.....!

...IS
THAT HE
FIGHTS
FOR THE
PEOPLE.

ALL HE
HAD TO
SAY...

...TO
WIN MY
TRUST
.....





TAKE
CARE OF
YOURSELF,
ELSARIA.



THANK
YOU FOR
EVERY-
THING.



PLEASE
DO.



...UNDERSTAND
YOUR POSITION,
LORD RAVAHN.

I'LL
BE SURE
TO MAKE
THE
FACTIONS
...



I KNOW
WE'LL
MEET
AGAIN.

...NO,
PEEPL.

AFTER
ALL...



MS.
ELSARIA...

IS THIS
GOOD-
BYE.....?



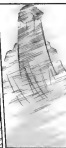
KÖIN-
ZELL...

...I STILL
HAVE
BUSINESS
WITH
HIM...

...WHEN
NEXT WE
MEET.....



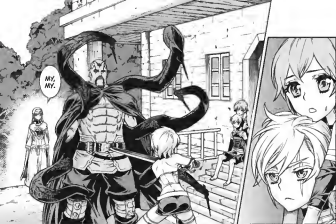
**...YOU'RE
GOING
TO GIVE
ME THE
ANSWER I
WANT TO
HEAR!**

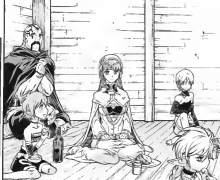


*Der Gedanke, Der Damit Geschnitzt Wurde
(The Engraved Feeling)*













THEY LOVED
PRACTICING
SWORDPLAY.



WHAT
WERE
THEY
LIKE?

...THE
JEBNARESS
STYLE OF
SWORDSMAN-
SHIP.



THE
MOTHER
TAUGHT
THE SON...



I
SEE...



I WENT
AND PLAYED
WITH HIM IN
SECRET.

HE EVEN
TAUGHT
ME HOW
TO SWING
A SWORD.



AND
HE'S
THE MAN
WHO,
SOME-
DAY.....

...SHOULD
BE THE
LORD
OF ALL
JEBR
.....!!



HE
WAS SO
VERY
KIND TO
ME...



THOUGH
I ALWAYS
ASKED...

...HE
WOULD
NEVER
TELL ME
HIS
NAME...



IT WASN'T
LONG
BEFORE THEY
WERE TAKEN
AWAY SOME-
WHERE...

.....I
DO NOT
KNOW.



WHERE
ARE THEY
NOW...?



I HAVE
TO
BELIEVE
THAT.

BUT...
...THEY'RE
ALIVE.



BUT THE
TRUTH
ABOUT
THOSE
SEVEN.....

...IS ALSO
PROOF OF
LORD KFER'S
INNOCENCE
.....!!

KOINZELL
EARLIER...
...YOU SAID
THAT PEOPLE
WOULD NEVER
BELIEVE THE
TRUTH ABOUT
THE SEVEN
HEROES.....



...WE HAVE
TO MAKE
HIM THE
LORD OF
JEBR.....

FOR THE
JEBNA-
RESS'S
SAKE...



...CAN
LIVE IN
PEACE.....
JUST AS
THEY ONCE
DID.....



THEN THE
PEOPLE OF
JEBR...



...TO KEEP
CALLING YOU A
"TRAITOROUS
LANCE" OR THE
"HERO-KILLING
REBEL"
FOREVER?

IT'S SO
WRONG!



KON-
ZELL,
DO YOU
REALLY
WANT
THEM...



I
AGREE.

.....









TWO
DAYS
LATER



HOLD
IT!







SHOW
ME TO
RAVAHN.

I'M UN-
ARMED.







OF COURSE
...

...I
COULDN'T
BELIEVE
IT.



SHE
TOLD US
THAT YOU
SEVONLESAS
HOPE TO
KEEP THE
PEACE

THAT
ELECTOR'S
DAUGHTER
...

...CAME TO
SEE THE
ZONALERI
CLAN...



THE
TWO OF
US HAVE
TAKEN...

...SO MUCH
FROM EACH
OTHER. THE
LIVES OF
FRIENDS AND
FAMILY...





...AND
EVERYONE
WHO BY
ALL MEANS
SHOULD
HATE THE
SEVOHLEAAA
FAMILY...

AS
FOR
ME...

...AND
MY
MASTER
...

WE ALL
THOUGHT
THIS WOULD
BE THE
PERFECT
CHANCE TO
END THE
FIGHT ONCE
AND FOR
ALL.....

AND NOW...
ISN'T THIS
STRANGE...

SEEMS
YOU'VE
LOST YOUR
VENOM OVER
THESE FOUR
YEARS...

MUST
HAVE,
IF ONE
LITTLE
GIRL
COULD
SWAY
YOU.....





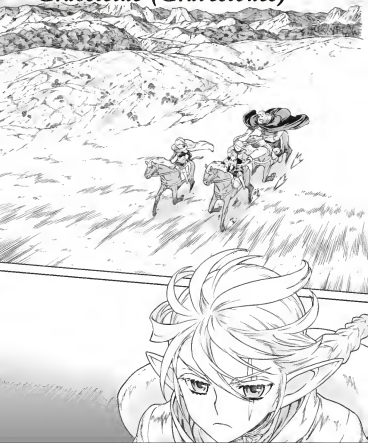
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA!!!







Grabsteine (Gravestones)









LORD
KFER...

LORD KFER
ACTUALLY
COMPLETED
THE
MISSION...!?



...THAT'S
THE
TRUTH.

I
BELIEVE
...



NOT
YET.



THAT'S
WHY.....

NOW,
ESPE-
CIALLY!
.....



UNTIL
THEN...

...WE
WAIT TO
REVIVE
THE
JEBNA-
RESS.

WE WAIT
FOR THE
RIGHT
MOMENT.



BROTHER.....

DID I
JUST
HEAR
YOU SAY.....
...THAT
WE'LL
BRING
BACK
THE
JEBNA-
RESS
FAMILY
.....?







I ONCE
HOPED TO USE
OUR MILITARY
AUTHORITY
TO QUELL THE
FIGHTING...

...AND TO
BRING OUR
RIGHTFUL
LORDS BACK
TO POWER.

OUR MEN
MARCHED
OFF ONLY
TO DIE IN
VAIN!

BUT IT
WASN'T
ENOUGH.



.....
WHAT
A DIS-
GRACEFUL
DAY THAT
WAS.



...I
ACCEPTED
MARQUIS
GLENN'S
RULE.

RELUC-
TANTLY...



BUT...
...THAT'S
ALL OVER
NOW.



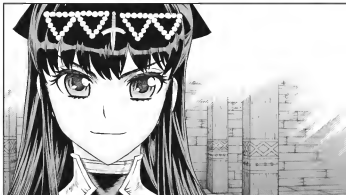
FOR
THERE ARE
THOSE WHO
LAMENT THE
STATE OF
JEBR.
AND
THEY'VE
BEGUN TO
TAKE THE
NECESSARY
STEPS.

IT MAY
TAKE SOME
TIME,
BUT.....

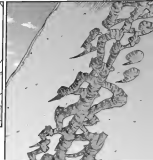
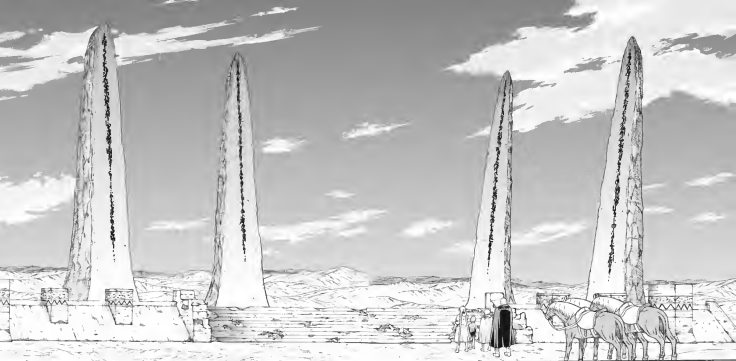


...NO
MAT-
TER
WHAT
...

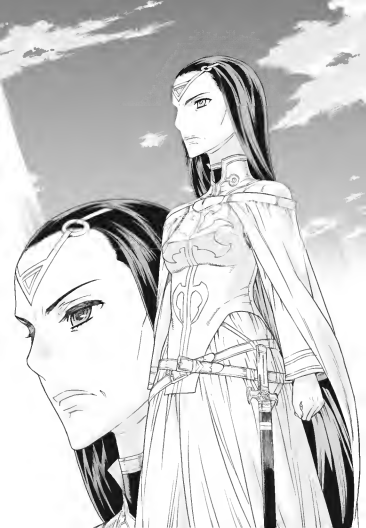
...
EVERY-
THING
IS GOING
TO
CHANGE.

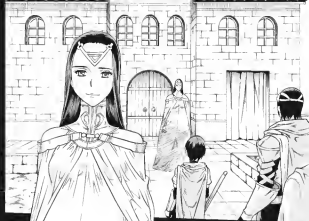






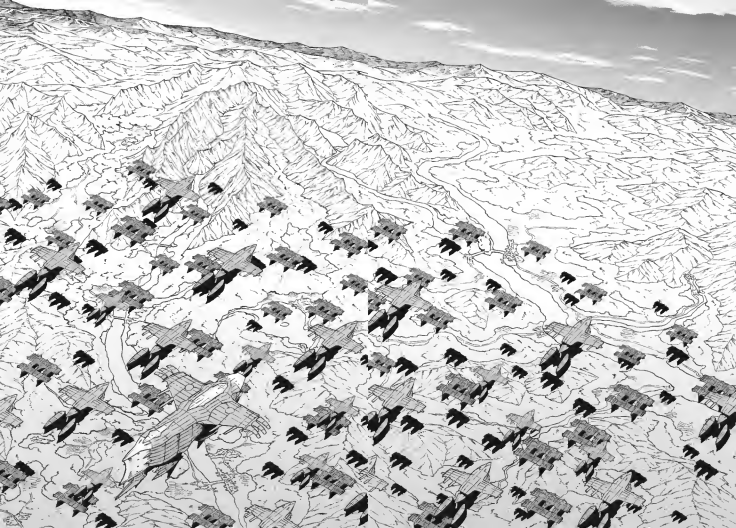


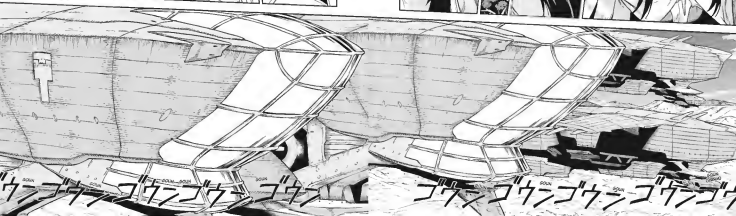
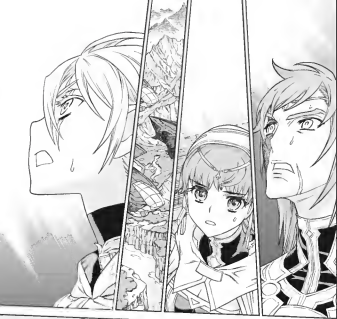














Jebr would experience major change in 2180 A.D. (Anno Donatio), however, when Ahgif—later known as “The Last Barbarian of Szaal”—came to rule.

The empress at the time, Radnaglia I, was troubled when an alliance of empire nobles with anticapital sentiments began agitating the southern tribes. All-out war seemed likely.

The imperial capital, Szoslion, was once the center of a region called Szaal, and Jebr was one of its principalities. Even today, Jebr serves as gatekeeper to the capital.

The people of Jebr have a strong sense of independence, so despite their proximity to the capital, they’ve always been reluctant to assist the empire in its affairs. Jebr has even been known to start wars against the imperial army.



Ahgif

Ahgif protected the capital from invasion by northern nobles, after which he married Radnaglia's older sister, became a noble himself, and changed his name to Algfard Jebnarus.

The Jebnarus clan was born.

However, Radnaglia I formed a clever scheme to strengthen her rear defenses. She sent her trusted friend and lord commander of the Flugpionier knight squad, Efableg, to treat with Ahgif.

Ahgif spurned their overtures at first, but he would eventually be charmed by Radnaglia I and Efableg's frequent visits, leading to the formation of the alliance the empress sought.

JEBR



Owing to this, Jehr became known throughout the empire as a military power to be respected, especially for its unparalleled swordsmen.

Renowned swordsmen the world over were drawn to Jehr, further increasing its prestige. During this era, the Jehr sword style was the uncontested strongest in the empire.

In 2900 A.D., Rakh Jehmeress, lord of Jehr at the time, began an undertaking to improve the overall martial strength of his domain. He commissioned the collection of sword, spear, and other weapon techniques passed down among the tribes of Jehr so that they could be researched and refined.



Rakh Jehmeress

The leader responsible for Jehr's resurgence. Rakh was himself an outstanding swordsman and a holder of the title Elan Meister.

However, two hundred years later, Roggo style—the school of swordmanship that would eventually produce the master swordsman Ludift—took hold in central regions of the empire.

Jehr style and Roggo style would compete for ages to come, with disciples of each school scrambling to claim the Elan Meister title and thereby keep it from the other.

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